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BOTANY.—*Two new genera of Acanthaceae from Guatemala.*<sup>1</sup> E. C. LEONARD, U. S. National Museum. (Communicated by WILLIAM R. MAXON.)

In the large collection of plants procured by Paul C. Standley on the 1939 Sewell Avery Expedition of the Field Museum of Natural History to Guatemala there were a number of interesting specimens of the family Acanthaceae. Represented in this material are two new genera, which are described herewith. One of these includes a species previously placed in the genus *Drejerella*.

*Averia* Leonard, gen. nov.

Sect. Odontonemineae. Calyx 5-partitus, tubo brevi, segmentis angustis; corolla subregularis, tubo gracili, lobis subaequalibus, obtusis vel rotunda-

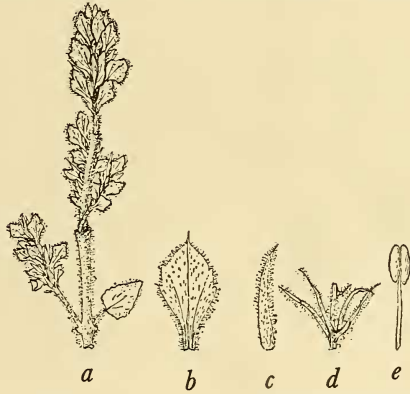


Fig. 1.—*Averia serrata* Leonard: a, Portion of plant, natural size; b, bract; c, bractlet; d, calyx; e, stamen. (b, c, d, e, twice natural size.)

tis; stamina 2; antherae biloculares muticae, loculis parallelis, subaequaliter affixis; capsula stipitata, parva, 2- vel 4-sperma. Herbae; spicae terminales, densae; bracteae ovatae, imbricatae.

Type species, *Drejerella longipes* Standley.

This genus is closely related to *Drejerella* Lindau, but differs in its muticous, subequal, parallel anther cells. The anther cells of *Drejerella* are sub-

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superposed, the lowermost strongly calcarate. In both genera the pollen grains are of the "Spangpollen" type, with a series of longitudinal grooves and an equatorial band of pores (three).



Fig. 2.—*Megalostoma viridescens* Leonard: a, Portion of branch; b, calyx (both natural size).

The name *Averia* is given in honor of Dr. Sewell Avery, director of the recent Field Museum expedition to Guatemala above mentioned.

Bracts serrate . . . . . *A. serrata*  
 Bracts entire . . . . . *A. longipes*

***Averia serrata* Leonard, sp. nov.**

Herba, caulibus erectis vel adscendentibus, subteretibus, glanduloso-hirtellis; lamina foliorum ovata, apice subobtusata, apiculata, basi truncata, ser-